

Preliminary Amendment

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MANNICH BASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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## Preliminary Amendment

### Amendments to the Specification:

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#### TITLE OF THE INVENTION

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#### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of application Serial No. 10/149,449 filed June 27, 2002, which is a 371 of PCT/EP00/12972 filed December 20, 2000.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

##### Field of the Invention

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##### Description of the Background

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 11, at line 17, please insert the following:

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows as automatic unit for the synthesis of a Mannich base in the present invention.

Figure 2 shows another automatic unit for the synthesis of a Mannich base in the present invention.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS